



In the Name and by the Authority of  
**THE STATE OF**  
**OHIO**



*WHEREAS*, the State of Ohio seeks to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans by preventing disease, promoting good health and assuring access to quality healthcare; and

*WHEREAS*, the discovery and subsequent use of antibiotics revolutionized medical care and public health by significantly reducing illness and death from infectious diseases; and

*WHEREAS*, antibiotic resistance has become one of the key threats to health in the United States, threatening the ability of healthcare providers to fight infectious diseases; and

*WHEREAS*, more than 2.8 million people become ill each year with antibiotic-resistant infections and at least 35,000 die as a result; and

*WHEREAS*, an estimated 73,836 Ohioans or more become ill each year with antibiotic-resistant infections and at least 849 Ohioans die as a result; and

*WHEREAS*, appropriate use of antibiotics is the primary solution to address the threat of antibiotic resistance; and

*WHEREAS*, education about appropriate antibiotic use and changed attitudes and behaviors of healthcare workers and the general public alike will contribute to appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use.

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 18-22, 2019 as*

**ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the State of Ohio and urge all healthcare and public health workers to observe this week with activities that raise awareness about appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019,

Handwritten signature of Mike DeWine in blue ink.

Mike DeWine  
Governor



Handwritten signature of Jon Husted in blue ink.

Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor